

Application No.: 10/656,012  
Amendment dated January 28, 2005  
Reply to Notice of January 18, 2005

Remarks

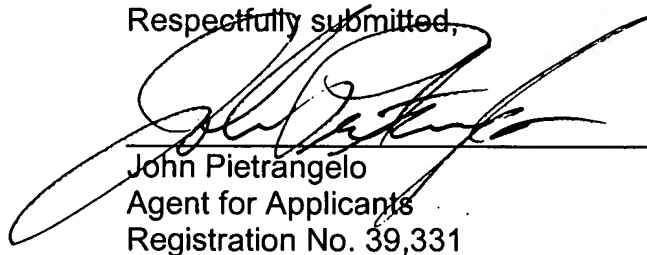
No amendments have been made to the claims pending in this application.  
Claims 21-40 remain pending in this application.

In the above-referenced Notice, the Patent Office states that the prior amendment filed on December 23, 2004 was non-compliant because "A complete listing of all the claims is not present." The Applicant believes that the insertion of the statement "Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)" in the above Listing of Claims addresses this non-compliance. The Applicant requests that these claims and the remarks that appear in the Response of December 23, 2004 be fully considered on their merits.

The Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.  
An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant's undersigned Agent invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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